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For: **METHOD OF TREATING CHEMICAL CELLULOSE PULP**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above identified application for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on October 8, 2002, and for which a Request for Continued Examination is being concurrently filed, please further amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:<sup>1</sup>

21. (Four Times Amended) A method of treating chemical cellulose pulp from an alkaline pulping process, after cooking and preferably after oxygen delignification, with

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Rule 121(c), a marked-up version of the amended claims appears in Appendix I hereto and shows all changes by underlining added language and bracketing deleted language.